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Sir:

This is a reply to the office action mailed on August 22, 2002. Further to the amendments in the original reply received by the PTO June 5, 2002, please further amend the above-identified application as follows.

In The Claims

Please cancel claim 9 and amend claims 1-8 and 10 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (Twice Amended) A method for automating the management of an inventory of consumer items at a consumer location using a programmed device accepting input data and executing instructions for automating inventory management, the method comprising:

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